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1. A Russian unit, approximately the size of a company, has been deployed since the middle of February 1948 in the neighborhood of Rifabergero and Montespino, in the province of Gorizia. Small detachments are stationed in houses on the outskirts of those towns and at isolated villages.
  2. Small groups of soldiers, reportedly unarmed, are engaged in taking measurements and drawing maps of the localities where they are stationed. It has been noticed that the troops follow secondary roads, or wooded zones, and stop to inspect the condition of bridges, viaducts and other engineering works.
  3. The troops avoid any contact whatsoever with the local population. In spite of the fact that they wear uniforms exactly like those of the Yugoslav Army, it is alleged that they are Russians.
  4. It is generally believed that these troops are making plans for the eventual installation of artillery batteries in the two afore-mentioned zones.

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